[*Note*.—An asterisk *at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion given by Sri N. K. Palanisami under Rule 42 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, which reads as follows :—

" the failure of the Government to tackle effectively the acute condition of drought and scarcity of water in the areas of Palladam, Dharapuram and a particular portion of Erode taluk of Coimbatore district ".

Though the motion refers to a definite and urgent matter of public importance, it is not so urgent as to warrant the interruption of the business of the House and it relates only to day-to-day administration. The Member may bring it to the notice of the Government either by way of a Starred question or by a Call Attention Notice under Rule 41 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules. I, therefore, rule the motion out of order.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I submit . . .

DEPUTY SPEAKER : No submission. The hon. Member should resume his seat. He has been in the Legislative Assembly for the last nine years and he must know the rules well. When the Chair is on its legs the hon. Member should resume his seat.

(Sri N. K. Palanisami resumed his seat)

(2) FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO SECURE AGREEMENT ON THE SHARING OF THE RIVER WATER.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have received a notice under Rule 42 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, given by the hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundaram for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, viz.,—

" the failure of the Government to secure proper agreement in the recent meeting of the Zonal Council regarding the question of equitable sharing of west flowing rivers for the mutual benefit of both Tamilnad and Kerala "

Before I decide whether the matter proposed to be raised by the hon. Member is or is not in order, I must be satisfied whether the responsibility of this Government is clearly involved and it is, therefore, necessary for me to hear the views of the Hon. Leader of the House. But as he is away in Delhi, I will take up the motion at the next meeting of the Assembly in November.

(3) FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO SATYAGRAHIS IN JAILS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have received a notice under Rule 42 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, given by the hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundaram, for the adjournment of the

business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, viz.,—

"the failure of the Government to provide adequate facilities inside jails to cope with the arrest and detention of a large number of kisan satyagrahis unprecedented in the history of our jails which has resulted in the death of one of the prisoners in the Tiruchirappalli Central Jail".

Before I decide whether the matter proposed to be raised by the hon. Member is or is not in order. I must be satisfied that the matter involves more than the ordinary administration of law. It is, therefore, necessary to hear the Hon. Minister for Home. But as the Hon. Minister for Home is not here, I will take up the matter during the sittings of the Assembly in November.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: May I be heard, Sir?

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I can't predict.

III. CALLING ATTENTION TO THE PRICE OF YARN SUPPLIED TO HANDLOOM CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon. Member Sri N. K. Palanisami may now read the notice under Rule 41 of the Assembly Rules.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: There is also another point. There are four other hon. Members who have given notice regarding the drought condition in Palladam, etc.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon. Member need not make any speech or raise any other point. Is he going to read the notice under Rule 41 or not? I want to know that.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: I will read it.

I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Industries to a matter of urgent public importance, viz,—

'the ever increasing price of yarn supplied to Handloom Co-operative Societies'.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Deputy Speaker, Sir, Sri R. Venkataraman, Minister for Industries, made a statement in the Council on 23—8—1960 on the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices of yarn. There was no appreciable reduction in the prices of yarn and the prices continued to rule high in the market. The increase in the prices of yarn may be attributed to the shortage of indigenous cotton due to failure of cotton crop in North India and consequent rise in prices of cotton, increase in manufacturing costs, to a certain extent increase in the export of yarn to foreign countries and speculative activities.

The Government have been closely watching the situation and have been taking steps to keep the prices under check.